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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Vista, California 92085

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TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

In response to Paper No. 3 mailed June 19, 2001 setting a 1 month period for response expiring on July 19, 2001. Transmitted herewith find Form SB017 with fee for a 1 month extension of time to extend the period for response to August 19, 2001. Any fees that may be due in connection with the filing of this paper, or with this application during its entire pendency, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1159. If a Petition for Extension of time is needed, this paper is to be considered such Petition.

Prior to prosecution on merits, please amend the claims as follows and reconsider the claims in light of the following remarks: namely,

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

For the convenience of the Examiner, all of the claims are set forth. Please amend Claim 41 as follows: namely,

1. A pharmaceutical composition for neuraxial delivery comprising both a hydrophilic N-linked glycosyl prodrug compound and a formulary, wherein said hydrophilic N-linked glycosyl prodrug compound comprises a CNS acting prodrug compound covalently linked with a saccharide through an amide or an amine bond and said formulary comprises an agent selected from the group consisting of an additive, a stabilizer, a carrier, a binder, a buffer, an excipient, an emollient, a disintegrant, a lubricating agent, an antimicrobial agent and a preservative,

with the proviso that said saccharide moiety is not a cyclodextrin or a glucuronide.

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